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OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF
THE TWELFTH ANNUAL

CONVENTION

OF THE

WESTERN CANADA IRRIGATION
ASSOCIATION

HELD AT NELSON, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
JULY 24th to 26th, 1918

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The Western Canada Irrigation Association

Officers for the year 1917-1918

PATRONS:

H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and of Strathearn, K.C., K.T., K.P., G.C.B., Etc.

His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., P.C., Etc.

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PRESIDENT:

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Hon. Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture, Edmonton, Alberta.

SECOND HON. VICE-PRESIDENT:

Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture, Regina, Sask.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT:

Senator H. Bostock, Ducks, B.C.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:

G. R. Marnoch, President Board of Trade, Lethbridge, Alberta.

EXECUTIVE:

F. H. Auld, Regina, Sask., Chairman.
J. L. Brown, Vancouver, B.C.
W. E. Scott, Victoria, B.C.
A. S. Dawson, Calgary, Alberta.
F. H. Peters, Calgary, Alberta.
R. G. Williamson, Maple Creek, Sask.
F. E. R. Wollaston, Vernon, B.C.
Robert J. C. Stead, Acting-Secretary, Calgary, Alberta.

LOCAL BOARD OF CONTROL (NELSON)

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J. E. Annable, Secretary.

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Previous Conventions

Calgary, Alberta, 1907.
Vernon, British Columbia, 1908.
Lethbridge, Alberta, 1909.
Kamloops, British Columbia, 1910.
Calgary, Alberta, 1911.
Kelowna, British Columbia, 1912.
Lethbridge, Alberta, 1913.
Penticton, British Columbia, 1914.
Bassano, Alberta, 1915.
Kamloops, British Columbia, 1916.
Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, 1917.

The Western Canada Irrigation Association.

The Twelfth Annual Convention of this Association held at Nelson, B.C., on July 24, 25 and 26, 1918, attracted a large number to its sessions. The Local Board of Control left nothing to be desired in the manner in which they looked after the comfort and entertainment of the delegates and visitors.

A number of well prepared and instructive papers were read and the discussions which followed certain topics have no doubt already proved their value.

The following papers have already been published in pamphlet form:

(1) Don'ts in Connection with Irrigation by Don. H. Bark, Chief of Irrigation Investigation Division, Canadian Pacific Railway, Strathmore.

(2) The Irrigation District Form of Ownership and Operation of an Irrigation System—Its Practical Operation in California, by Mr. A. Griffin, Supt. of Operation and Maintenance, Canadian Pacific Railway, Brooks, Alberta.

(3) Small Gravity Irrigation Schemes by W. J. E. Biker, District Engineer, B.C. Water Rights Branch, Nelson.

(4) The Principles of Dry Farming by Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture, Regina.

(5) The Measurement of Water by Dr. Samuel Fortier, Berkeley, Calif.

(6) Irrigation by Pumping by Jas. J. Currie, Staff Engineer, Military Hospital, Balfour, B.C.

There has been a great request for them and the supply of the first two is already practically exhausted. A few copies of the other pamphlets are, however, still available and may be had by application to the Acting Secretary.

The report of Mr. Stead, Acting-Secretary, reviewed the work of the Association from the time of the Convention at Maple Creek and shows that the interests of the Association are being well looked after. A portion of Mr. Stead's report is quoted below:—

"Every effort has been made to keep the work of the Association and the general interests of irrigators in Western Canada before the public through the press, and it may be in order here to express the

appreciation I feel for the very generous co-operation given by the daily, weekly and agricultural paper press of Western Canada in this connection. A file of newspaper clippings, which have appeared in connection with the work of the Association will be placed on the table and you are invited to inspect it.

"The Official Report of the 1917 convention was mailed to a list of over 2,000 irrigators and others interested. Some 3,000 copies of the Official Call were distributed and over 5,000 circular letters sent out in addition to a great number of personally dictated letters, the files of which are available for your inspection.

"Cuts of speakers and officials prominent in the work of the Association have been furnished to leading newspapers and widely used. Through the courtesy of the Canadian Pacific Railway that Company's advertising space in a number of publications printed on the prairie was made available to this Association and advertisements drawing attention to this convention have appeared therein."

Financial Statement

The finances of the Association have been looked after by the Secretary, and were duly audited and certified, on July 20, 1918, the balance on hand was $1,921.33.

Receipts

On hand as per last audit, July 31, 1917	$	1,036.91
Grant to Maple Creek Local Board of Trade refunded		250.00
Refund from emergency cheque for petty expenses at Maple Creek		13.05
Bank Interest		17.22
Alberta Government Grant		500.00
British Columbia Government Grant		500.00
Saskatchewan Government Grant		500.00
Dominion Government Grant		500.00
	$	3,317.18

Disbursements

Unpaid expenses in connection with Executive Meeting at Banff from season 1916-1917	$	21.95
Expenses of Mr. F. B. Linfield attending Maple Creek convention		63.15
G. A. Morrison, Official Report of Maple Creek Convention		125.00
Expenses of Executive at Executive Meeting, Nelson, April 1st		69.45
Salary of Acting Secretary August 1st, 1917 to July 1st, 1918		458.30
Printing and stationery		231.00
Cuts for advertising purposes		23.00
Badges, Nelson Convention		29.00
Grant to Local Board of Control, Nelson		250.00
Emergency cheque for expenses at Nelson		125.00
	$	1,395.85

Total Receipts	$	3,317.18
Total Disbursements		1,395.85
Balance in Bank	$	1,921.33

The following Officers were elected for the year 1918-1919:

Hon. Patron—His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada.

Hon. President—The Hon. Minister of the Interior of Canada.

First Hon. Vice-President—The Hon. Minister of Agriculture for Saskatchewan.

Second Hon. Vice-President—The Hon. Minister of Lands, British Columbia.

President—The Honorable Minister of Agriculture, Alberta.

First Vice-President—Senator H. Bostock, Ducks, B.C.

Second Vice-President—G. R. Marnoch, Lethbridge, Alberta.

Third Vice-President—The Hon. Minister of Agriculture of Canada.

Executive

Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Saskatchewan.

G. Sterling, Kelowna, B.C.

Deputy Minister of Agriculture, British Columbia.

James Johnstone, Nelson, B.C.

Walter Huckvale, Medicine Hat, Alberta.

F. H. Peters, Calgary.

A. S. Dawson, Calgary.

F. E. R. Wollaston, Vernon, B.C.

R. J. C. Stead, Calgary.

Resolutions

The following resolutions were passed at the Twelfth Annual Convention of the Association at Nelson, B.C.:

Resolution No. 1.

RESOLVED by the Western Canada Irrigation Association that this Convention desires to invite the urgent attention of the British Columbia Government to the widespread feeling in the irrigation districts of the province that the irrigation systems in British Columbia should be brought under Government ownership and control.

Resolution No. 2.

RESOLVED: That the Western Canada Irrigation Association respectfully recommend to the British Columbia Government that, before passing any proposed legislation dealing with the water question, opportunity should be given to those interested to become familiar with the proposed amendments.

Resolution No. 3.

RESOLVED that the thanks and appreciation of the Western Canada Irrigation Association is due to the press of Western Canada for the interest it has taken in placing the work of the Association before the public, and particularly to the Nelson Daily News for the large space devoted to the Sessions of this Convention and the excellent reports which have appeared.

Resolution No. 4.

WHEREAS the Policy of the Government of British Columbia in utilizing the ranges of the interior of this province to a much larger extent than hitherto necessitates an increased area of irrigated lands in order to provide winter fodder. Without such increase much valuable breeding stock must be slaughtered before maturity.

THEREFORE be it resolved by the Western Canada Irrigation Association, that the British Columbia Government be requested to consider making immediately exhaustive enquiries, as to the location of ranges with contiguous land suitable for irrigation, and steps be taken to bring such land under water either by the Government undertaking the work, or by community work, or any other effective organization, but always under control of the Government. The cost of this work to be a charge upon the land so irrigated.

Resolution No. 5.

RESOLVED, that the Western Canada Irrigation Association respectfully recommend to the British Columbia Government that enquiries be immediately set on foot to discover where at interior points wild grass can be cut for hay and the best means to make it available for stock during the coming winter.

Resolution No. 6.

Submitted by Coaldale-Lethbridge Water Users' Association

WHEREAS in certain provinces such provision as now exists for establishing an association of users of irrigation waters requires that such association be assented to by the company or individual holding the water license.

RESOLVED: That the Western Canada Irrigation Association endorses the recommendation of the recently formed Coaldale-Lethbridge Water Users' Association that legislation should be provided whereby water users within a territory served by irrigation waters be empowered to organize water users' associations without having first obtained the consent of the Company upon a petition of a majority of the water users resident within the proposed district and that such water users association be granted power to assess the irrigable land within the district for the purposes of the association.

Resolution No. 7.

WHEREAS it is desirable that such waters as are found to be available for irrigation should be distributed so as to supply as far as possible the greatest numbers of people and the largest areas of land.

RESOLVED by the Western Canada Irrigation Association that this Convention endorses a resolution recently passed by the Iron Springs Local Number 172 of the United Farmers of Alberta requesting the Dominion Government to carry on at once surveys, and investigation as to provide information as to the possibility and the probable cost of carrying irrigation water to as great a number of farmers as possible in the districts that can be supplied from the proposed diversion of the Oldman River west of Macleod.

Resolution No. 8.

RESOLVED that the thanks of the Western Canada Irrigation Association is due to the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Nelson, the President and members of the Board of Trade, the members of the Local Board of Control, and the citizens of Nelson generally for the splendid and cordial reception which has been given visiting delegates and for the efforts which have been put forth to insure the enjoyability of their stay in Nelson.

AND RESOLVED, that the thanks of the Association is particularly due to the ladies of Nelson for bouquets of flowers and distributions of fruit: to the management of the Flower Show and to owners of automobiles and launches which have been placed at the disposal of delegates.

Resolution No. 9.

RESOLVED that the thanks of the Western Canada Irrigation Association is due to the speakers who have taken part in the program, many of them at considerable personal inconvenience and who by their attendance and addresses have contributed to the enjoyment and the educational value of this Convention.

Resolution No. 10.

RESOLVED that the Members of the 12th Annual Convention of the Western Canada Irrigation Association desire to tender to Mr. James Johnstone of Nelson their most heartfelt sympathy to him in his present affliction and pray that a kind Providence will bestow on him a speedy recovery.

THAT we realize that the success of this Convention for several years past has been very greatly aided by his able assistance.

THAT the present Convention now held at Nelson owes its location very largely to Mr. Johnstones' exertions.

THAT this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Johnstone to be by her conveyed to her husband and tender our very warmest condolence to her in her husband's affliction and desire to express our admiration for her noble, wifely efforts made on her husband's behalf.

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Delegates at the Convention

The following are the names of the Delegates who were in attendance at the Convention:

Abbott, W. W. ----------Nelson, B.C.
Anderson, Harry ------Birch Bank, B.C.
Annable, G. R. ----------Annable, B.C.
Annable, J. E. ----------Nelson, B.C.
Applewhaite, E. ----Willow Point, B.C.
Auld, F. H. ----------Regina, Sask.
Austin, W. A. ----------Nelson, B.C.

Bagnall, Rev. H. S.---------Nelson, B.C.
Barrow, E. D. ----------Victoria, B.C.
Beaton. W. ----------Sanden. B.C.
Bell, John ----------Nelson. B.C.
Bens, Noble ----------Trail, B.C.
Benson, G. W. ----------Kelowna, B.C.
Biker, W. J. E. ----------Nelson, B.C.
Blackwood, C D. ----------Nelson, B.C.
Breggeman, George ----Deer Park, B.C.
Bostock, Senator -------Kamloops, B.C.
Broatch, A. G. --------Calgary, Alberta
Brown, F. W. ----------Trail, B.C.
Bruce, Randolph ------Windermere, B.C.
Burden, Oscar ------Crawford Bay, B.C.
Busk, C. W. ----------Nelson, B.C.

Campbell, R. H. ----------Ottawa, Ont.
Campbell, J. J. ------Willow Point, B.C.
Chalmers, R. W. ----------Thrums, B.C.
Chambers, E. J. --------Penticton, B.C.
Cholditch, John --------Cranbrook, B.C.
Clement, Prof. F. ------Vancouver, B.C.
Clark, Robert G. L.----Vancouver, B.C.
Clyde, A. D. ----------Robson, B.C.
Clyde, A. D. Mrs. ----------Robson, B.C.
Constable, Guy ----------Creston, B.C.
Cornish, H. C. A. --------Rossland, B.C.
Craig, G. W. ----------Calgary, Alberta
Currie, J. J. ----------Balfour, B.C.

Dawson, A. S. --------Calgary, Alberta
Dawson, Mrs. A. S. ----Calgary, Alberta
Dawson, G. S. --------Calgary, Alberta
Dickson, James --Medicine Hat, Alberta
Dodwell, Miss --------Summerland, B.C.
Dodwell, P. G. ------Summerland, B.C.
Dorland, P. N. ----------Okanagan, B.C.

Doyle, D. L. ----------Nelson, B.C.
Drake, E. F. ----------Ottawa, Ont.
Duffield, H. J. ----------Nelson, B.C.
Dunsmore R. J. --------Neepewa, Man.
Dunsmore, Mrs. R. J. --Neepewa, Man.
Dunham, S. S. ----Lethbridge, Alberta

Eastham, J. W. --------Vancouver, B.C.
English, H. O. ----------Ottawa, Ont.
English, J. ----------Crawford Bay, B.C.
Emory, A. D. ----------Nelson, B.C.

Fairbank, H. --------Queen's Bay, B.C.
Fleury, Mrs. E. B. --------Toronto, Ont.
Fleury, E. B. ----------Toronto, Ont.
Ford, J. P. ----------Revelstoke, B.C.
Fowler, S. S. ----------Riondale, B.C.
French, Thos. ----------Nelson, B.C.

Gibson, J. W. ----------Victoria, B.C.
Geddes, M. D. --------Calgary, Alberta
Geddes, Mrs. M. D. ---Calgary, Alberta
Griffin, A. ----------Brooks, Alberta
Griffin, Mrs. A. --------Brooks, Alberta

Hays, D. W. ----Medicine Hat, Alberta
Heddle, D. ----------Nelson, B.C.
Heggie, Geo. ----------Vernon, B.C.
Helmer, R. H. --------Summerland, B.C.
Hobden, G. ----------Creston, B.C.
Hodson, A. W. ----------Nelson, B.C.
Horn, George S. ----------Robson, B.C.
Howes, Dean --------Edmonton, Alberta
Hoyle, Mrs. John H. --Queen's Bay, B.C.
Hoyle, John H. ------Queen's Bay, B.C.
Huckvale, Walter --Medicine Hat, Alta.
Hunt, E. C. ----------Nelson, B.C.
Hunter, J. R. ----------Nelson, B.C.
Hyde, George E. --------Cluny, Alberta
Hyslop, John ----------Nelson, B.C.

Irving, J. A. ----------Nelson, B.C.
Irving, William ----------Nelson, B.C.

Jenkins, S. S. ----------Vancouver, B.C.
Johnstone, R. --------Summerland, B.C.
Jones, C. J. ----------Kelowna, B.C.
Jowett, W. A. ----------Edgewood, B.C.